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MacNeil's 'President's Medal' a precedent?

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FORTUNATELY FOR collectors, the interests of Time magazine's Neil MacNeil go beyond reporting about Congress.

MacNeil, seen weekly by millions of people on Public Television's "Washington Week in Review," also is one of the capital's best-known coin collectors. Last year, for example, he was chairman of the U.S. Assay Commission, a

group of collectors appointed by the President to examine the metal content in coins.

Now he has written a book called "The President's Medal" to accompany an exhibit of presidential inauguration medals on display at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington through Sept. 5.

Since little has been written about inauguration medals, several hobby scholars are predict-

ing that MacNeil's book, which actually is a catalog for the exhibit, will become a standard reference. It includes information on medals commemorating the inauguration of every American President.

The book has 118 photographs in its 160 pages and costs \$12.95, plus \$1 for postage. To order, write to the gallery at F and 8th streets N.W., Washington, D. C. 20560.